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Applicant: HIROSHI ONISHI ET AL.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 1998.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8-11 as follows:

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8. (Amended) Torque estimation system for estimating an input torque to be used in controlling an automatic transmission, comprising:

first output torque estimating unit for estimating a first input-torque of said automatic transmission using an engine torque characteristic;